

REMARKS

The present amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action of September 24, 2003 on the above-identified application. Entry of the amendment and a reconsideration of the claims as amended are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 are pending, and were rejected in the action on formal grounds. These claims were amended above to overcome these rejections and new claims 3 and 4 are presented.

Turning to page 2 of the action, the application was objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b) as lacking an abstract on a separate sheet. The abstract which appeared on the cover page of International Publication No. WO 99/64802 for International Application No. PCT/NO99/00187, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage, is submitted herewith on a separate sheet.

The application was also objected to as lacking the section headings which are preferred in U.S. practice. These headings have been added to the specification above by amendment.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. These have been amended above to overcome the deficiencies identified by the Examiner. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

New claims 3 and 4 have been submitted to cover to cover limitations removed from claims 1 and 2, respectively. The limitations are the various “structural raw materials” identified in the specification at page 2, lines 3 and 4. Entry of claims 3 and 4 into the application is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 4 is respectfully requested and earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,

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